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Request for Targets on the USSR from Chief, St/I dated 19 August 1955.

The following are S/COM targets on the USSR:


<u>Target</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Justification</u>
Ministry of Communications and Republic Ministries of Communications.	Moscow, Republic Capitals, and other sources of information.	
1. Telecommunications trunk line networks, especially East of Sverdlovsk.		Data on wireline networks indicate little or no alternate facilities available and information concerning the use of coaxial cable or micro-wave (decimeter) radio relay equipment on the main trunk lines between Moscow and the Far East has not been received. Diagrams of the USSR telecommunications trunkline networks showing routes and facilities available including equipment, number and type of circuits provided, and location of repeater stations and main switching centers would provide the necessary information needed on the telecommunications plant facilities.
2. Plans being formulated relative to Soviet postal and telecommunications networks.		This information together with the information in 1 above would assist immeasurably in providing the facts from which economic estimates may be prepared relative to expansions of post and telecommunications in the USSR. It would provide concrete information on many matters of vital interest such as: alternate capitals to Moscow; decentralization and/or dispersion of essential communications facilities; pinpointing of industrial and strategic locations and the vital communications control centers for their operation, etc.

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3. Annual Reports (post and tele- communications).		This information together with the information in 1 above would assist immeasurably in providing the facts from which economic estimates may be prepared relative to expansions of post and telecommunications in the USSR. It would provide concrete information on many matters of vital interest such as: alternate capitals to Moscow; decentralization and/or dispersion of essential communications facilities; pointing-up of industrial and strategic locations and the vital communications control centers for their operation, etc.
4. Rules, Regulations, and Instructions for Telephones, Tele- graph, and Postal Workers and Offices and lists of Commu- nications Enterprises.		"Telegraphic Rules," Svyazisdat, 1951; "Disciplinary Regulations for Communications Workers of the USSR," Svyazisdat, 1951; "Instructions for a Telegraph Operator," Svyazisdat, 1951; "Instructions for the Proof-Reader of a Telegraph Office," Svyazisdat, 1951; "Instructions for the Cashier of a Telegraph Office," Svyazisdat, 1951; "Instructions for the Messenger who Delivers Telegrams," Svyazisdat, 1951; "Alphabetic List of Communications Enterprises of the USSR," Svyazisdat, 1948; and such publications for telephone and radio would provide a better understanding of the magnitude and operations of the Ministry of Communications of the USSR.

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